

Appl. No. 10/650,588

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**REMARKS:**

In making the amendments shown above, care has been taken to ensure that the claims remain supported by the specification and that no new matter has been introduced.

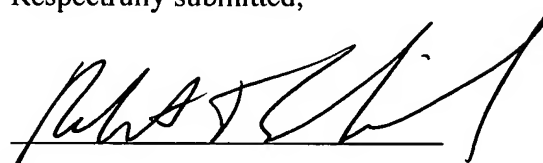
**Amendments to Specification and Drawings.** The abstract has been amended to address the objection. Figure 1 has been amended to show a "Prior Art" designation.

**Amendments to the Claims.** The claims have been carefully reviewed and amended to remove lack of clarity, indefiniteness, grammar, and/or antecedent basis issues. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments address the claim objection and rejection under Section 112, second paragraph.

It is submitted that the invention is presented in clear and concise patentable terms and the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt, favorable treatment of the application is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees under 37 CFR § 1.17(a) for extensions of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a), which are hereby requested, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305. The

Examiner is encouraged to call Robert J. Schneider at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this application, or to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

**Please amend the drawings by replacing original drawing sheet 1, containing Figs. 1-2, with the enclosed Replacement Sheet 1.**

In the enclosed Replacement Sheet 1, the designation "Prior Art" has been added to Fig. 1.